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John Boehner
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Dear Speaker John Boehner:

I write today to encourage you to take action on my bill, H.R. 2603, as soon as possible.

As you know, yesterday, more than 200 of our colleagues expressed serious concerns about the National Security Agency's (NSA) current metadata collection program during consideration of amendments offered to the Department of Defense (DOD) Appropriations Act of 2014.

While I supported these amendments, I also believe that the best solution to protect the interests of Americans from an overreach by the NSA is to move forward through a regular legislative process, rather than needing to legislate through a Department of Defense funding bill one year at a time.

For this reason, several weeks ago, I introduced the Relevancy Act, which would permanently end the NSA's blanket collection of American's personal information.

My bill would focus the scope of metadata collection in two ways. First, it would require the investigation to be of a specific person or group of persons. Second, the Relevancy Act requires the *tangible things* sought to be related to a person that is subject to an investigation.

It is time to give Members the opportunity to move forward on protecting the civil liberties of American citizens. I believe we can do that while also keeping our country safe from terrorist attacks though targeting legislation like H.R. 2603.

Once again, I urge you to allow us to take action as soon as possible and, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Ross", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dennis Ross
Member of Congress

CC: Majority Leader Cantor
CC: Majority Whip McCarthy
CC: Republican Conference Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
CC: Republican Policy Committee Chairman Lankford
CC: Chairman Goodlatte
CC: Chairman Rogers